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SUBJECT: VERDICTS ANNOUNCED IN POLYTECHNION TRIAL

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1. VERDICTS IN THE POLYTECHNION TRIAL WERE ANNOUNCED MIDDAY DECEMBER 30 BY THE FIVE-MEMBER COURT OF APPEALS WHICH HAS BEEN HEARING THE CASE SINCE OCTOBER 16. ACCORDING TO RADIO NEWS COMMENTARY, TWELVE OF THE THIRTY-TWO DEFENDANTS WERE ACQUITTED, WHILE THE REMAINING TWENTY RECEIVED SENTENCES RANGING FROM MULTIPLE LIFE SENTENCES TO FIVE MONTHS.

2. THE HEAVIEST SENTENCE WAS IMPOSED ON FORMER JUNTA STRONGMAN DIMITRIOS IOANNIDES WHO RECEIVED SEVEN SENTENCES OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT EACH, PLUS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, PLUS DEPRIVATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR LIFE. ON THE OTHER HAND, FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS RECEIVED ONLY A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR PRISON SENTENCE AS A "SIMPLE ACCESSORY" TO THE POLYTECHNION EVENTS.

3. NEXT TO IOANNIDES, THE HEAVIEST SENTENCES WERE IMPOSED ON LT. GENERAL VARNAVAS (FORMER CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER)--THREE LIFE SENTENCES, PLUS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, PLUS DEPRIVATION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES FOR LIFE; AND BRIGADIER GENERAL NICOLAS DERTILIS--

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LIFE IMPRISONMENT. FORMER CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES

DIMITRIOS ZAGORIANAKO RECEIVED A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SENTENCE,
WHILE FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER NICOLAS EFESSION WAS
ACQUITTED.
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